

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 325

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the reappointment of William O. Shults to the Tennessee claims commission for the Eastern Division of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-301(a), provides that the Tennessee claims commission shall consist of three members, one from each grand division of the state. Each commissioner serves an eight (8) year term on the commission; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2006, Governor Phil Bredesen appointed William O. Shults to the Tennessee claims commission as the Eastern Division commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Vance Cheek, Jr., whose term was to expire on June 30, 2009. This appointment was later confirmed by the 104th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2009, Governor Phil Bredesen reappointed Commissioner Shults to a full term to the Tennessee claims commission for the Eastern Division; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Shults graduated with honors from Rhodes College, received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, and received a Certificate of Advanced Study in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Shults began his professional career as a clerk to the Honorable C.S. Carney, Chief Judge for the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Following his clerkship, Commissioner Shults practiced at the law firm of Campbell and Hooper in Newport, Tennessee, before serving as Staff Counsel to the Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., and then serving as a member of the legal department at the United Mine Workers of America. Following his employment with the United Mine Workers,

Commissioner Shults returned to private practice and served as City Attorney for the City of Newport; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Shults has demonstrated his civic leadership by serving on the Board of Directors of the East Tennessee Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Shults has rendered outstanding service to the Tennessee claims commission, and performed his duties with irreproachable integrity and remarkable legal knowledge and ability. He has proven himself to be an estimable asset to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(d), provides that individuals serving as commissioners on the claims commission are eligible for reappointment; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(a), provides that all commissioners appointed to the Tennessee claims commission by the governor shall be subject to confirmation by both houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of William O. Shults of Newport, Tennessee, as the Eastern Division commissioner of the Tennessee claims commission, such term to begin on July 1, 2009, and to expire on June 30, 2017.